

ABSTRACT

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G-IB-188
MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(188) 1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)
Salisbury, Pennsylvania vicinity
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(188) and its small mound of stones mark Mason and Dixon's 173rd mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set (though slightly out of plumb); measures 10 inches square by about 15 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to the center of the mound during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). ^{also in excellent condition,} The mound ^{is} of loose stones, originally gathered from the site and heaped around the wood post, now replaced by the monument. It measures a roughly estimated 7 feet in diameter by about 2 feet high at the center. On the national and state levels, No. ---(188) and this mound are significant primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 188)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the east side of Meyersdale Road/T-496

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	X not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument and mound only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/ Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IB-186 entered 9/4/81

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

Survey No. G-IB-186

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT (monument & mound)	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (monument & mound)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE (mound)
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

/ According to the 1900-03 Resurvey, Milestone No. --- (188) and its small mound of stones mark Mason and Dixon's 173rd mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland. The monument was a new dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the mound in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set (but slightly out of plumb); measures 10 inches square by about 15 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side. The mound is also in excellent condition, presumably originally erected as a cairn in 1767, with the present monument replacing the wood post long since gone. It was not measured at the site but is an estimated 7 feet in diameter by about 2 feet high at the center.

The area here is the ^{high} rugged, rather steep, densely wooded ^{stone} western slope of one of the ^{string of} mountains forming Red Ridge. The site (shown on the Resurvey engine 's map but not the USGS quadrangle) is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Greenville Township of Somerset County, PA; about 2½ miles southeast of the town of Salisbury, PA; about 3 miles northeast of the scattered settlement of Piney Grove, MD; about 2000 feet east of Meyersdale Road/T-496; about 1000 feet east of the confluence of Red Run with Piney Creek; at a point about 70 feet south of the old pipeline, in the woods (south of the pile of woodland debris shoved up along (and parallel to) the new pipeline under construction. It cannot be seen from any road or pipeline, is well camouflaged by fallen trees and difficult to spot even closeup; and is protected by this inconspicuous setting.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground without the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact; though there is a small chip at the southwest corner. The mound is of stones loosely piled, originally gathered from the site. (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for further descriptions)

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound) ~~SUMNER, KNOX, COOK~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(188) and its small mound of stones are significant on the national and state levels primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This site was surveyed and marked by a cairn in 1767; and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the center of the remains of this cairn in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as among the 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(188) and the mound are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Survey No. G-IB-186

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Avilton (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

NOTE: site not shown on quadrangle (estimated by A. Martin)

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 66754, northing 439856

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY GarrettSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Somerset**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/12/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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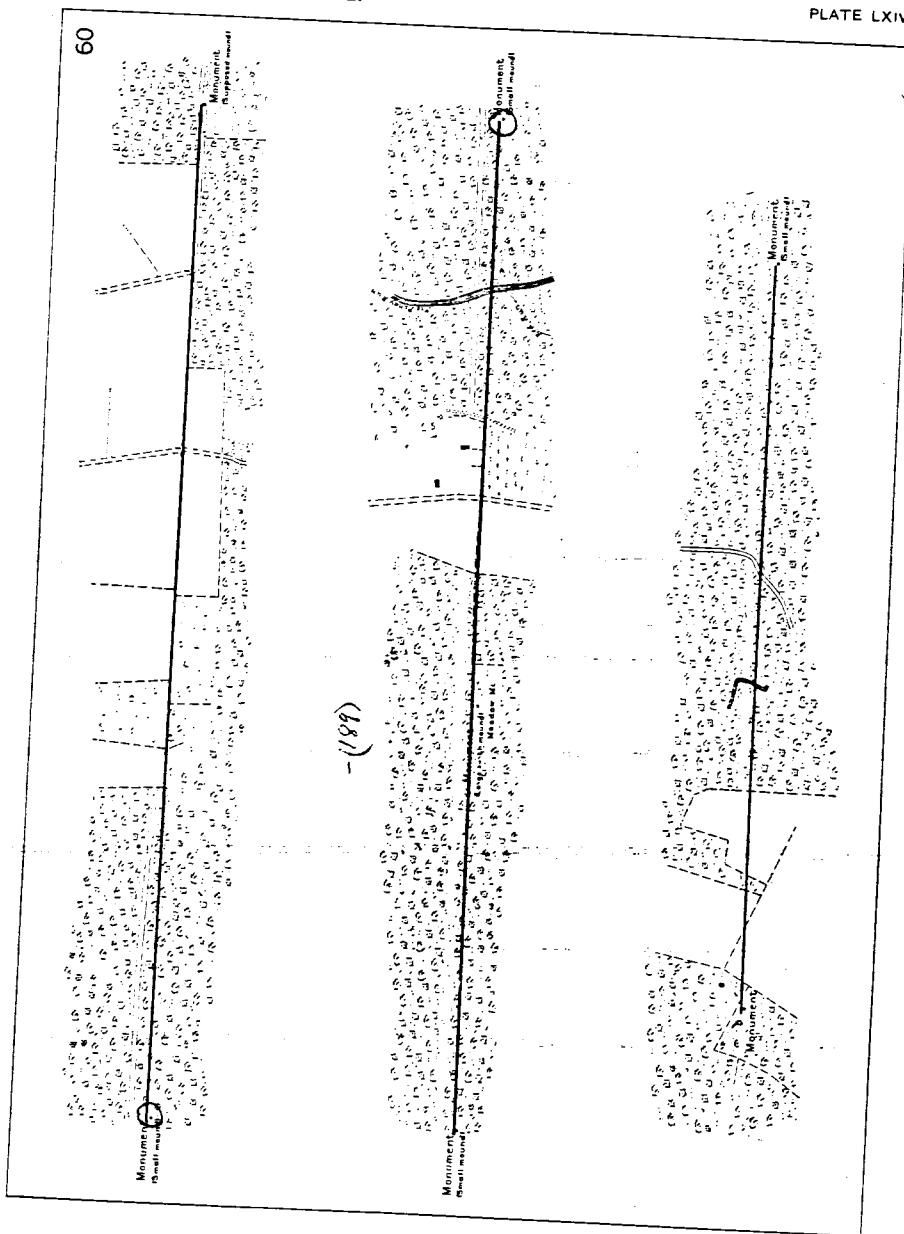
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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MASON DIXON'S WEST LINE. MILESTONE NO. — (188)

RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXIV.

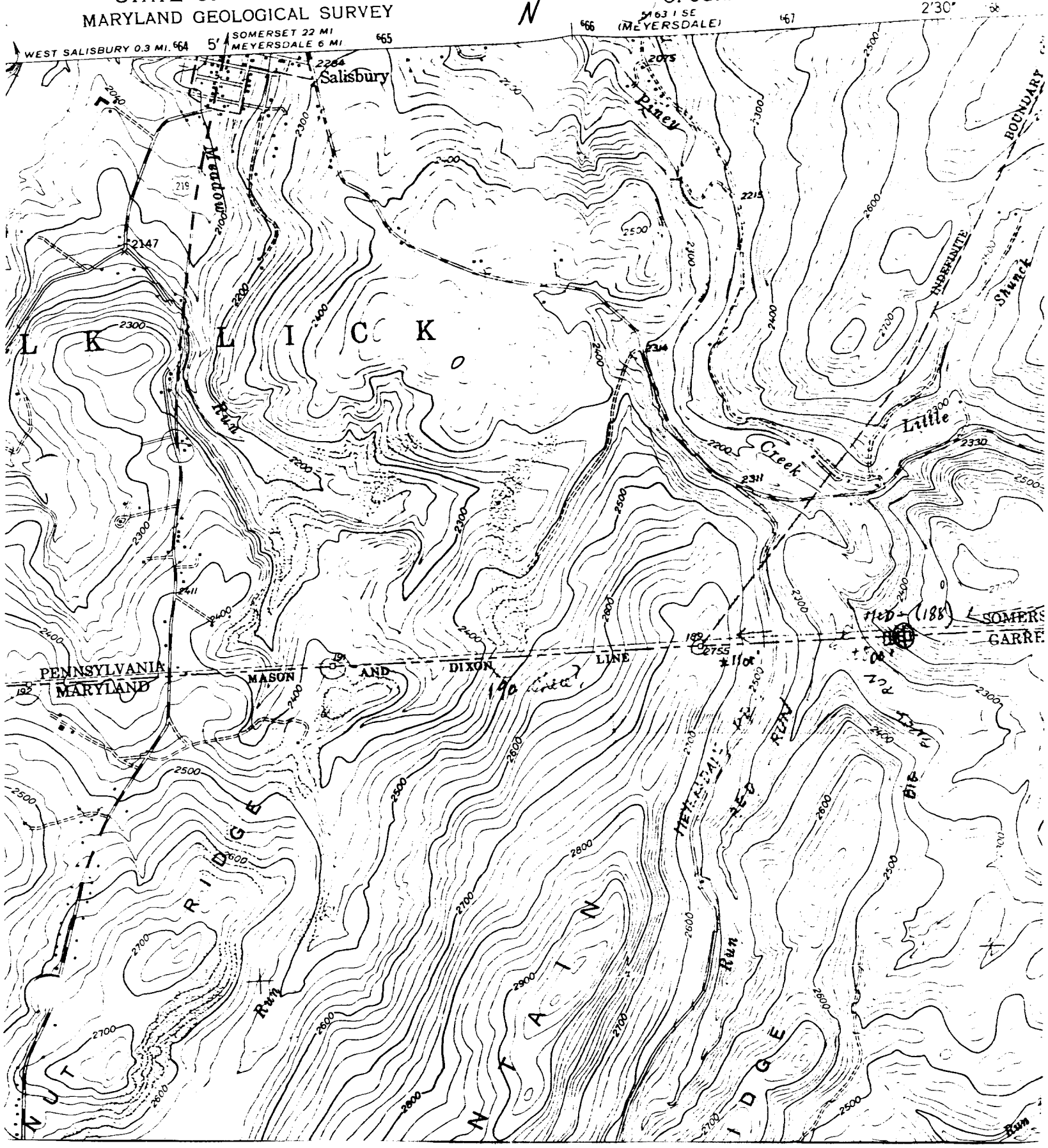


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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS:
MILSTONE NO. --

AVILTON QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1947 PHOTO REV. 1974
SCALE: 1" = 2000'
STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY





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MASON DIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE — (188)
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN SMALL GROUP OF
STONES MARKING THE FIRST MILE WEST OF
NE CORNER OF TACV 1112

SW CORNER (1902/18)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/12/81 (1981, 43, 1)



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HARRISON WEST LINE: MARBLESTONE — (18)

STONE MONUMENT (1902) HARRISON RD. 1.25
MILE WEST OF NE CORNER OF HARRISON

NE CORNER (1870)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/2/81 (PO. 4. 1)